



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

MEMORANDUM

TO: THE COMMISSION
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FROM: MARY W. DOVE *MWD*
SECRETARY OF THE COMMISSION

DATE: February 4, 2004

SUBJECT: *Ex Parte* COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING
DRAFT AO 2003-37

Transmitted herewith are four *ex parte* communications regarding the above-captioned matter.

Proposed Advisory Opinion 2003-37 is on the agenda for Thursday, February 5, 2004.

Attachment:



Linda Figueroa <lfigueroa@cactricounty.org> on 02/04/2004 02:54:06 PM

To: mdove@fec.gov
cc:

Subject: Draft Advisory Opinion 2003-37

I wanted to state that I am in agreement with the comments submitted today by 324 organizations regarding urging the Federal Election Commission to reject a draft advisory opinion that could severely restrict debate over civic issues.

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Crystal Ford <cford@ncrc.org> on 02/04/2004 03:06:34 PM

To: mdove@fec.gov

cc:

Subject: Sign-On Letter of 324 Organizations

Dear FEC Secretary:

The National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC), the nation's CRA and fair lending association of 600 community organizations, supports the sign-on letter sent by 324 organizations. NCRC was unaware of the 10 am deadline today, but still wishes to express our concern on this issue.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Gloria Nieto <gloria@pocaf.org> on 02/04/2004 02:55:52 PM

To: mdove@fec.gov

cc:

Subject:

I would like to voice my support for the petition submitted today against the muzzling of non-profits. I find this vulgar and totally anti-American, we are not indentured slaves. We didn't give up our first amendment rights when we took our jobs.

Gloria Nieto

Overcome the angry by love
and the evil by good.
Overcome the greedy with generosity
and liars by truth.

Buddha



Richard Foltin <foltinr@ajc.org> on 02/04/2004 03:56:30 PM

To: mdove@fec.gov
cc:

Subject: Draft Proposed Opinion 2003-37

By E-Mail

Commission Secretary
Federal Election Commission
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Washington, DC 20463

Re: Draft Advisory Opinion 2003-37

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I understand that you received earlier today a letter from People for the American Way ("PFAW") and a number of other organizations expressing profound concern over the broad scope of the General Counsel's draft of Advisory Opinion 2003-37, both as it applies to federal political committees and as it appears to reach the educational, advocacy and voter participation activities of nonprofit corporations.

I write today on behalf of the American Jewish Committee, a national human relations organization with over 125,000 members and supporters represented by 33 regional chapters, to endorse the PFAW letter. As the letter states, the draft opinion poses an unprecedented threat to the lawful and appropriate advocacy and educational activities of Section 501(c) organizations. We join with the signatories of the PFAW letter in urging the Commission to reject this draft in its current form.

Respectfully submitted,

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